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1. IN ANTICIPATION THAT PROPOSED PROGRAM OF CONDITIONAL
ENTRY (P-7) FOR BOAT CASES (REFTEL A) WILL SOON BE
INAUGURATED, DEPT. OFFICERS AND VOLUNTARY AGENCIES (VOLAG)
HAVE AGREED ON INITIAL STEPS TO PREPARE FOR PROGRAM.
DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF CY 77, WE EXPECT TO CONCENTRATE
ON REDUCING THE CASE LOAD IN THAILAND, PHILIPPINES AND

MALAYSIA. IT WILL BE IMPORTANT TO COMPLETE DOCUMENTATION AND PRE-SCREENING ON AS MANY QUALIFIED BOAT CASE REFUGEES AS POSSIBLE QUICKLY IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO UTILIZE CE AND NON-PREFERENCE NUMBERS AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

2. VOLUNTARY AGENCIES HAVE AGREED TO PROVIDE DOCUMENTATION ASSISTANCE IN THE ABOVE THREE LOCATIONS IMMEDIATELY OR IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE. INTERNATIONAL RESCUE COMMITTEE (IRC) WILL PROVIDE SUCH ASSISTANCE AS JOINT VOLAG REP IN THAILAND; AN IRC REP

EXPECTS TO LEAVE FOR GENEVA AND BANGKOK ABOUT FEBRUARY 5 TO INITIATE THE IRC PROGRAM OF ASSISTANCE. THE UNITED STATES CATHOLIC CONFERENCE (USCC) HAS ASSUMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE IN THE PHILIPPINES; NAME OF USCC REP WILL BE PROVIDED SHORTLY. IN MALAYSIA, CHURCH WORLD SERVICE (CWS) WILL PROVIDE THE JOINT VOLAG REP; THIS INDIVIDUAL HAS NOT YET BEEN IDENTIFIED BUT CWS HOPES TO BE ABLE TO MOVE PROMPTLY IN PROVIDING SUCH ASSISTANCE. WE EXPECT ALSO THAT THERE WILL EVENTUALLY BE VOLAG REPRESENTATION IN TOKYO, THOUGH RESPONSIBLE AGENCY HAS NOT YET BEEN IDENTIFIED, AND TO HAVE PROGRAM COVERAGE IN SINGAPORE AND INDONESIA IF THESE GOVERNMENTS REACH AGREEMENT WITH UNHCR ON FIRST ASYLUM FOR BOAT CASE REFUGEES.

3. REPRESENTATIVE OF VOLAGS SHOULD BEGIN DOCUMENTATION ASSISTANCE BY FILLING OUT FORMS I-590 (FOR CE APPLICANTS) AND FS-510 (FOR NON-PREFERENCE VISAS) AS APPROPRIATE FOR THOSE CASES ALREADY NOMINATED TO DEPARTMENT PURSUANT TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REFTEL B. COMPLETION OF I-590 WILL ESTABLISH PRIORITY REGISTRATION DATE FOR NON-PREFERENCE VISAS FOR CE'S DEPENDENTS.

4. BIOGRAPHIC CABLES ALREADY SENT TO DEPT. ON THOSE CASES WILL BE PASSED BY D/HA:ORM DIRECTLY TO AMERICAN COUNCIL ON VOLUNTARY AGENCIES (ACVA). VOLAG JOINT REP IN EACH AREA WILL DEVELOP AND SUBMIT BIO INFO TO ACVA ONLY ON THOSE CASES WHICH POST HAS NOT SUBMITTED BEFORE RECEIPT THIS CABLE.

5. WHILE COMMITMENT OF USG TO THIS PROGRAM FIRM, FINAL PROCEDURES NOT YET WORKED OUT. IF AGREEMENT CAN BE REACHED ON USE OF HONG KONG FOR FINAL PROCESSING OF THOSE BOAT CASE REFUGEES TO BE ADMITTED TO U.S. UNDER THIS PROGRAM, FURTHER PROCEDURAL DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED. FOR PRE-SENT, IT IS NECESSARY TO SET UP THE WORKING RELATIONSHIPS AMONG UNHCR REP, VOLAG REP, AND CONOFFS.

6. ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE INVITED TO COMMENT ON NATURE OF
VOLAG OPERATION WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED, INCLUDING
WHETHER BRANCH OFFICES IN SONGKHLA OR ON EAST COAST OF
MALAYSIA WOULD BE NECESSARY. CWS REQUESTS EM0ASSY KUALA
LUMPUR TO PROVIDE INFO ON AVERAGE COST FOR LOCAL STAFF,
INCLUDING TYPIST, CLERKS AND TRANSLATORS.
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